



LITURGY

First reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Response to the Psalm: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Second reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27



Dear Parishioners

One of the greatest myths of modern life is the notion that happiness is attainable and that more money, a bigger house, a new car and the latest designer fashion can satisfy the mysterious restlessness in our hearts.

We would do well to remember that the cross of Christ stands at the heart of our Christian belief and without it we have no faith. From his birth in a stable in Bethlehem until his cruel death by crucifixion on the hill of Calvary, hardship and suffering were part of the life of Jesus. Someone once wrote "Christ did not come to explain away our sufferings or to remove them. He came to fill them with his presence." As we journey on our earthly pilgrimage, Jesus invites us to shoulder our cross, whatever form it may take, and follow in his footsteps. St. Rose of Lima said: "Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven." Jesus calls us to see through the make-believe designer world of those who say we can live without hardship, to reach out to others in their pain and accept suffering in trust and confidence. Human suffering is never meaningless and can be both the measure of a person and the test of love and courage. Sometimes the trials that come our way can become a blessing if they help us see ourselves more clearly. We can not avoid the path of pain, but how we walk it makes all the difference.

**God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



22nd Week of (Year A)

Week commencing Sunday 3rd September 2023

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Masses

Sat 2 nd Sept.	5.00pm	22 nd Sunday Year (A)	
Sun 3 rd Sept.	10.30am	22 nd Sunday Year (A)	
Mon 4 th Sept.			
Tues 5 th Sept.			People of the Parish
Wed 6 th Sept.			
Thur 7 th Sept			
Fri 8 th Sept		Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)	
Sat 9 th Sept.	5.00pm	23 rd Sunday Year (A)	Lin & Steve Rea (40 th W.A.)
Sun 10 th Sept.	10.30am	23 rd Sunday Year (A)	

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Rachel Severn, Jackie Gannon.

Those who have recently died: ,

Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley. Keith John Francis Cotterell, Anna Rose McGoldrick, Mary Baker.

INFORMATION

Sunday Coffee

Do please come and join us after Mass near the end of each month. The next coffee morning will be on Sunday 24th September. There will often be a small tabletop sale of priced items. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for coffee, cake and biscuits.

Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

Diocesan Levy	£5,500 p.a.
Buildings and grounds upkeep	£24,000.00
Insurance	£3,744.77 p.a.

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

Fr. Benedict OSB

Fr. Benedict will be taking a break from Saturday 2nd September until Saturday 16th September. After next week there will be no parish bulletin until the weekend of 23/24 September. The parish office will be closed until Tuesday 19th September. Please give a warm welcome to Father Van Nguyen who will be celebrating all the weekend masses for us. In an emergency, please contact one of the local catholic parishes.

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